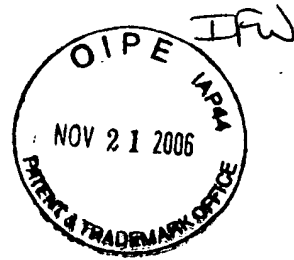


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- (8) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2860362, and patent family member International Patent Publication No. WO 91/15101, which is cited beginning at page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and
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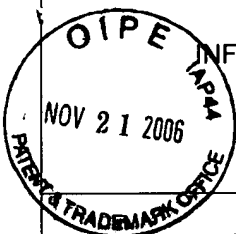
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